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IN THE CLAIMS

1-26 (Canceled)

27. (New) A cushion for a domestic pet, the cushion comprising:

a slow recovery, porous, visco-elastic foam padding layer;
a supporting layer, said supporting layer made of a stabilizing material for supporting said visco-elastic foam padding layer thereon, a top of said supporting layer received next to a bottom of said visco-elastic foam padding layer;

a waterproof, breathable, flexible material protective liner, said protective liner received over a top of said visco-elastic foam padding layer and over a bottom of said supporting layer, said protective liner preventing an absorption of liquids from the domestic pet into the top of said visco-elastic foam padding layer and into the bottom of said supporting layer, said protective liner allowing airflow to pass through the cushion for maintaining loft of said visco-elastic foam padding layer and said supporting layer; and

a washable fabric cover, said washable fabric cover enclosing said visco-elastic foam padding layer, said supporting layer, and said protective liner.

28. (New) The cushion as recited in claim 27, wherein the supporting padding layer is comprised of a textile-based material.

29. (New) The cushion as recited in claim 27, wherein the supporting padding layer is comprised of a foam material.

30. (New) The cushion as recited in claim 27, wherein the supporting padding layer is comprised of a rubber material.

31. (New) The cushion as recited in claim 27, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner is comprised of a hydrophilic laminate.
32. (New) The cushion as recited in claim 27, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner is comprise of a hydrophilic coating.
33. (New) The cushion as recited in claim 27, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner is comprised of a microporous laminate.
34. (New) The cushion as recited in claim 27, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner is comprised of a microporous coating.
35. (New) The cushion as recited in claim 27, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner is comprised of a bi-component laminate.
36. (New) The cushion as recited in claim 27, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner is comprised of a bi-component coating.
37. (New) The cushion as recited in claim 27, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner comprises a material fabricated from a microfiber of a sufficiently close weave to be waterproof and breathable.
38. (New) The cushion as recited in claim 27, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner is comprised of a material fabricated with a monolithic membrane.
39. (New) The cushion as recited in claim 27, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner is naturally oleophobic, anti-dust mite, anti-odor, anti-bacterial, anti-stain, and anti-static.

40. (New) The cushion as recited in Claim 27, wherein said fabric cover has a releasable closure so that said fabric cover may be removed from the said padding of slow recovery visco-elastic foam, said padding of stabilizing support material, and said protective liner, for washing.
41. (New) The cushion as recited in Claim 27, wherein said fabric cover is comprised of a top surface, a bottom surface, and peripheral side walls disposed between said top and bottom surfaces.
42. (New) The cushion as recited in claim 27, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner is sealed closed around said padding layer of slow-recovery visco-elastic foam and said supporting padding layer in such a close-fitting and tight manner that the protective liner does not allow for the inner padding layers, of said slow recovery visco-elastic foam and said supporting stabilizing material, to shift or move about within the said protective liner.
43. (New) A cushion for a domestic pet, the cushion comprising:
- a slow recovery, porous, visco-elastic foam padding layer;
 - a supporting layer, said supporting layer made of a stabilizing material for supporting said visco-elastic foam padding layer thereon, a top of said supporting layer received next to a bottom of said visco-elastic foam padding layer;
 - a waterproof, breathable, flexible moisture-vapor-transmission (MVT) material protective liner, said protective liner received over a top of said visco-elastic foam padding layer and over a bottom of said supporting layer, said protective liner preventing an absorption of liquids from the domestic pet into the top of said visco-elastic foam padding layer and into the bottom of said supporting layer, said protective liner allowing airflow to pass through the cushion for maintaining loft of said visco-elastic foam padding layer and said supporting layer; and

a washable fabric cover, said washable fabric cover enclosing said visco-elastic foam padding layer, said supporting layer, and said protective liner.

44.(New) The orthopedic pet cushion as recited in claim 43, wherein said protective liner of breathable, waterproof, MVT material is comprised of a close-weave fabric of a sufficiently close weave to be waterproof and breathable.

45.(New) The orthopedic pet cushion as recited in claim 43, wherein said breathable, waterproof, flexible, and MVT membrane material of said protective liner is naturally oleophobic, anti-dust mite, anti-odor, anti-bacterial, anti-stain, and anti-static.

46.(New) The orthopedic pet cushion as recited in Claim 43, wherein said outer fabric cover is comprised of a top surface, a bottom surface, and peripheral side walls disposed between said top and bottom surfaces.

47. (New) The orthopedic pet cushion as recited in claim 43, wherein said protective liner of flexible, breathable, waterproof, MVT membrane material is sealed closed around said padding layer of slow-recovery visco-elastic foam and said supporting padding layer, in such a close-fitting and tight manner that the protective liner does not allow for the padding layers, of said slow recovery visco-elastic foam and said supporting padding, to shift or move about within the said protective liner